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E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS: EAID, NP  
SUBJ: AID FY 79 ABS

REF: STATE 139221

1. WE SENT OFF ON FRIDAY OUR FORMER EMBASSY COMMENTS ON  
AID'S FY 79 ABS. ONE PERTINENT NEW FACTOR MENTIONED THEREIN  
IS THAT THE INDIANS TELL US THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING  
SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS IN THE STAFF OF THE INDIAN COOPERA-  
TION MISSION.

2. I HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD THE LINE ON BOTH  
DIRECT HIRE AMERICANS AND NEPALESE. IN ADDITION TO THE  
POSITIONS DISCUSSED IN KATHMANDU 2466 THERE ARE OTHER REQUESTED  
LOCAL POSITIONS WHICH ARE ALSO, IN OUR VIEW, OF DOUBTFUL  
NECESSITY. ONE OF THESE IS A PROFESSIONAL FOR CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT THAT ONE NEPALESE COULD BE AN EFFECTIVE  
ACROSS-THE-BOARD TRAINING OFFICER AND IT IS DIFFICULT  
TO SEE WHY THE FULL-TIME AMERICAN PERSONNEL OFFICER  
WHICH AID HAS COULD NOT PERFORM THIS "CAREER DEVELOPMENT"  
FUNCTION FOR THE NEPALESE STAFF. THERE IS ANOTHER  
REQUESTED NEPALESE POSITION FOR "PEAK LOAD SECRETARIAL  
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SUPPORT" WHICH ALSO SEEMS TO US TO BE OF DOUBTFUL  
NECESSITY, RISING QUESTIONS AS TO WHAT THE INCUMBENT  
WOULD DO IN NON-PEAK SEASONS AND WHY ARRANGEMENTS COULD  
NOT BE MADE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS FOR SECRETARIAL SUPPORT  
IN PEAK SEASON IF SUCH A NEED EXISTS. IN ADDITION, A  
PROFESSIONAL LOCAL POSITION IS REQUESTED IN FY 77 FOR  
"WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT". WE RECOGNIZE THAT AID NEPAL IS

UNDER THE GUN FROM WASHINGTON ON THIS ISSUE, BUT IT HAS ALREADY ENGAGED THE SERVICES OF AN AMERICAN SOCIOLOGIST ON A TWO-YEAR PSC TO WORK IN THIS AREA, AND ADDING A NEPALESE TO THE STAFF PERMANENTLY AT THIS TIME DOES SEEM LIKE FROSTING ON THE CAKE, GIVEN OUR LACK OF PROGRAM COMMITMENT TO WOMEN WHICH IN TURN REFLECTS THE REALITIES OF THIS SOCIETY.

3. ONE FURTHER THOUGHT ON AID LEVELS. ANY LEVEL HIGHER THAN \$13 MILLION IS GOING TO PUT US AHEAD OF INDIA AND THEREFORE IN ALL LIKLIHOOD MAKE US THE LARGEST BILATERAL DONOR. THIS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE CHINESE SURKHET-POKHARA ROAD PROJECT (\$18 MILLION A YEAR OVER 5 YEARS) IS NOT GOING TO BE GETTING OFF THE GROUND IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND THAT KUWAIT OR SAUDI ARABIA OR SOME OTHER OIL-RICH STATE IS NOT GOING TO CME THROUGH IN THE NEAR FUTURE WITH FINANCING FOR SOME BIG PROJECTS. THESE SEEM REASONABLE ASSUMPTIONS AT THE PRESENT TIME.  
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